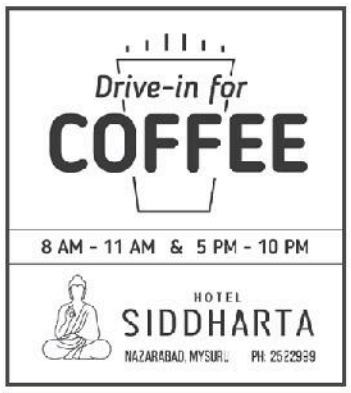

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Chamundi Hill PRASHAD works to begin this month

3D imaging tech to guide eco-sensitive makeover; dedicated team to monitor quality, timelines

By Bapu Lingaraj Urs

Mysuru, July 12- The long-awaited development works of Chamundi Hill under the Central Government's PRASHAD **(Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive)** scheme are set to begin by the end of this month. The project, with a total outlay of Rs. 46 crore — Rs. 30 crore from Central Government and Rs. 16 crore from State — aims to rejuvenate the Temple surroundings while preserving the cultural and ecological sanctity of Hill.

A Bengaluru-based firm, SAS Karkala Enterprises, has been awarded the contract to implement the project. Known for its experience in the restoration of ancient temples in Mangaluru, Udupi and Karkala, the company was selected based on its technically sound and financially viable bid.

(See PRASHAD on page 9)

M. Chinnaswamy Stadium Stampede Effect

No spectators!

Maharaja Trophy-2025 fans not allowed into Stadium

● Tournament from Aug. 11 to 27 ● Player auction on July 15

Mysuru, July 12 (VNS)- In the wake of the stampede in front of M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru that killed 11 youths during the RCB's victory parade on June 4, the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) has decided to host the fourth edition of Maharaja Trophy as a closed-door affair with no spectators in the stands.

The decision to organise the tournament under the closed doors was taken during the meeting held with franchise owners in Bengaluru yesterday.

The player auction for this year's Maharaja Trophy will be held on July 15 where each team must build out their squads with a minimum of 16 players and not more than 18 players, excluding two mandatory picks from their respective catchment areas.

(See MAHARAJA TROPHY on page 9)

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Mysuru, Saturday 12th July 2025

Book release, Kavigoshti and 'Sahitya Sugandha' award ceremony

Santosh *Dr. Puttappa* *Prabha* *Hemaganga* *Roopashri*

Mysuru, July 12- Sougandhika Prakashana, Nanjangud, has organised a programme at Ideal Jawa Rotary auditorium on JLB Road in Mysuru at 10 am tomorrow to release the book 'Sugandha Lahari Ghazals,' a collection of ghazals by Poet Dr. Sougandhika V. Jois, Kavigoshti (Poets Meet) and Award Presentation.

M.B. Santosh, President, Mysuru Sahitya Mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana, will inaugurate the programme. Dr. Mallinath S. Talwar, Kannada Professor, NV Degree College, Kalaburagi, will release the book.

Ganesh Prasad Pandelu, writer & journalist, will preside.

A. Hemaganga, Immediate Past State President, Sirigannada Vedike, will be the chief guest. Dr. Sougandhika V. Jois, writer and publisher, will be the guest of honour.

'Sahitya Sugandha' award will be presented to M.B. Santosh, Dr. S. Puttappa Mudigonda, J. Prabha Shastri Joshyula, A. Hemaganga and N.R. Roopashri.

Vidu. Shashikala Chandrashekar will render invocation. Teacher, poetess and writer S.R. Nandini will compere the programme, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

UNDERTAKING GOOD DEEDS: ***It is good to think of all beings as being well. It is better to put the thought into action by praying to God to extend his blessings upon all. The easiest medium is to chant his names and recite stotras composed by various Acharyas. The mental peace that a person derives from doing a good job or helping others cannot be compared to or equated with anything else. Bhattadri says, "I cannot do yaga or yoga, but I want to bathe in the stream of your divine stories and get immersed in the same."***

Recitation of stotras is equal to performing poojas a million times. Undertaking penance (Tapas) is equivalent to reciting stotras a million times. Adi Sankara prays to the Goddess that if she wants to show mercy to anyone, he should be the first person. Worshipping the Sun God is believed to yield wealth and good health. Circumambulating a cow is equal to going round all the 14 worlds. Our elders have reaped significant benefits by performing small good deeds. Saint Sridhara Ayyaval says he should not happen to see the faults or blemishes of others. If at all, he had to know, it should be of his own. The grandsire Bhishma says that a person may have rebirth even after performing the Aswamedha Yaga several times, but will have no rebirth if they worship Lord Krishna.

Kesava Vajapeya Swamy said in a discourse that Hanuman helped Rama in locating Sita. When Hanuman saw her in Ashokavana, he gave her Rama's ring and she was in tears. Sita told Hanuman that she gained confidence that Rama would come and rescue her. Hanuman was all ecstatic and told Sita that he would inform Rama of the good news. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's longest traffic jam stretches 100 kms

Beijing: In 2010, thousands of cars came to a standstill along the China National Highway 110, creating the now-famous China National Highway 110 traffic jam, which lasted 12 days and stretched over 100 kilometres.

According to Guinness World Records, the longest traffic jam ever reported occurred in 1990, on the East-West German border, and involved 18 million cars crawling to a halt. If we're talking about distance, a traffic jam that occurred in February of this year in Uttar Pradesh could qualify as the longest ever. It reportedly stretched for 300 km across several districts of Madhya Pradesh and kept motorists crawling at a snail's pace for about 48 hours. But, if we factor in time, there is no beating the China National Highway 110 traffic jam, which lasted for a whopping 12 days and even created a makeshift economy.

Incredible shrinking mill optical illusion

Ontario: The Shrinking Mill of Port Colborne, in Ontario, Canada, is an intriguing optical illusion that makes a giant grain elevator shrink the closer you get to it.

As motorists turn left onto Lakeshore Road west from Cement Road, they have their view filled by this massive concrete building in the distance. It's so big it literally fills the horizon, but as you drive forward, instead of getting even bigger, it starts to shrink and by the time you make the left-hand bend, it's just an average industrial building in the distance.

The mind-bending optical illusion has such a strong effect that nine out of ten people who see it for the first time drive back to get another look.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Age & Fertility Are Closely Linked

A woman's fertility starts declining after age 30—sharply after 35. Early planning can make a big difference and is highly recommended.

By Dr. Nivedita Shetty - Chief of Reproductive Medicine
Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

6 books release on July 13

Mysuru, July 12- As many as 6 books will be released at a programme organised under the joint aegis of the city's Anubhooti, Chaaru Samskrutika Pratishtana and Veeraloka Books, at the Pratishtana premises in SBM and other Bank Employees Layout, opposite University Layout, Ring Road in city on July 13 at 10 am.

The books to be released are — *Patrakarthana Payana,* the journey of a Journalist (Author-Lakshmana Kodase), *Supari Swamy Mattu Sakeena,* a collection of stories (Author-Raagam), *Bhaashe-Baduku,* a compilation of research articles (Edited by Dr. Santosh Hangal), *Deva Sannidhi,* a spiritual travelogue (Author-Girija Rykva), *Ruchige Takkashtu..?,* a collection of stories (Author- Akshata Pandavapura) and *'Yenaaguthe Guru?,* a collection of scientific articles (Author-R.B.Gurubasavaraj).

Veerakaputra Srinivasa, Publisher, Veeraloka Books, will be present. [Mob: 89711-44897]

Haj-2026: Apply online

Mysuru, July 12 (AP)- The Central Haj Committee of India has announced the programme for Haj-2026. Online application window, which started on July 7, will be open till July 31, 2025.

Muslim Girls Orphanage (Phulwari) on Ashoka Road in Mysuru has arranged to assist people in applying online between 10 am and 7 pm daily.

Those interested may visit the Orphanage with original and xerox copies of passport, Aadhaar, PAN, Bank Pass Book and two photos, according to Abdul Azeez Chand, Secretary of Muslim Girls Orphanage.

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *If there were eleven sheep in the field and six jumped the fence, how many would there be left?*

Student: *None.*

Teacher: *Why?*

Student: *You may know arithmetic, but you do not know about sheep...*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 85.82
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 115.76
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.36
1 Euro	= Rs. 100.34

VOICE OF THE READER

Auto drivers fleecing late-night rail passengers

Demand Rs. 250 to Rs. 600 from unsuspecting travellers

Sir,

For days now, the exploitative practices of auto drivers at Mysuru's Railway Station have spiralled out of control, turning into a nightmare for passengers arriving late at night.

After 10 pm, it has become routine for auto drivers to demand an extra Rs. 100 to Rs. 150. However, this form of 'extortion' isn't limited to a single location. Drivers operating near the station's rear gate boldly ask for Rs. 250 to Rs. 300, and for longer trips, the fare can skyrocket to a staggering Rs. 500 to Rs. 600 — blatantly fleecing unsuspecting travellers.

Even the seemingly dependable prepaid auto service at the front gate has not been spared. Drivers often demand an additional Rs. 30 to Rs. 50 upon reaching the destination, despite the fare being clearly printed on the receipt.

This indicates that the prepaid system too has fallen under the shadow of exploitation. To make matters worse, app-based cab services become virtually unavailable after 9 pm. Despite repeated attempts, drivers avoid the Railway Station altogether, leaving passengers with no choice but to fall victim to the exploitative demands of auto drivers.

My humble plea to the City Police is to initiate strict action — similar to the steps taken in Bengaluru — to put an end to this rampant overcharging and safeguard passengers from this ongoing exploitation.

—R. Yashas, Social Activist

Mysuru 7.7.2025

Kite Festival at Exhibition Grounds

Mysuru, July 12- Sri Vasavi Arya Vysya Abhivrudhi Samiti, Mysuru, has organised 36th Galipata Habba - Santhosha Sanje (Kite Festival-Happy Evening) at B.V. Karanth Rangamantapa, Dasara Exhibition Grounds premises, tomorrow (July 13) from 3 pm to 5.30 pm. The evening features introduction of newly wedded, Sri Kanyakaparameshwari Puja and cultural programmes.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Book reading at Kalpa Kshetra

Dr. Gauri Rokkam

Mysore Literary Association has organised reading of excerpts from the book 'Craft Your Wellness' by author Dr. Gauri Rokkam at Kalpa Kshetra, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Mysuru, at 11 am tomorrow (July 13). Dr. Gauri Rokkam is a practitioner of Holistic Health & Whole Food Plant Based Nutrition, Natural Hygiene & Yoga Therapy for 25+ years.

K-SET, UGC-NET coaching class

Prof. Sushma Yadav

Akram Pasha

UGC Steering Committee Chairperson Prof. Sushma Yadav will inaugurate the 45-day coaching class organised by Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Competitive Exams Coaching Centre, Muktagangothri in city, at 11 am on July 16. Senior IAS officer and KSRTC Managing Director Akram Pasha will address the aspirants on the preparations needed for UPSC competitive exams. KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halase will preside. KSOU Registrar Prof. S.K. Naveen Kumar will be present, according to a press release. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2525944 or Mob: 99647-60090.

106-year-old woman no more

Mysuru, July 12- S. Dakshayanamma Nishanimatt (106), wife of late S. Shivakumaraswamy, passed away here yesterday.

A resident of Vishveshwaranagar in city, Dakshayanamma leaves behind 2 sons, 4 daughters, 2 daughters-in-law, 3 sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Lingayat Burial Grounds in Lalithadripura this afternoon, according to family sources.

Leopard found dead at quarry site; poisoning suspected

The carcass of a leopard found at granite quarry in Kottalavadi, Chamarajanagar district. Picture right shows Forest officials visiting the spot.

Chamarajanagar, July 12 (BS)- A carcass of a leopard has been found at a granite quarry in Kottalavadi in the district yesterday. It is suspected to be a case of poisoning, that has flagged concerns, especially after a tigress and its four cubs were found dead due to poisoning at M.M. Hills Wildlife Sanctuary in the same district recently.

The incident has occurred at a stone quarry belonging to Pradeep. The male leopard aged around 5 to 6 years, is suspected to have died about three days ago. The carcasses of a dog and cow were also found near that of the leopard, casting several aspersions about the nature of death of the wild animal.

The villagers who came across the carcasses alerted Forest Department, who rushed to the spot. Subsequently, Forest Sniffer Dog was summoned to the spot.

Forest Veterinarians Dr. Wasim and Dr. Murthy conducted autopsy of leopard, before cremating the carcass at the same spot.

Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) T. Hiralal, Director of Project Tiger, Biligiri Ranga Tiger (BRT) Reserve Sripathi, ACF Manjunath, RFO Sandeep, DRFO Amarnath, Suresh and other officials visited the spot.

Several stone quarries are operational at Kottalavadi and surrounding villages, for the heaps of stones turning into a perfect habitat for leopards. Moreover, the area is contiguous with Bandipur and Tamil Nadu forest areas. The livestock of nearby villages, have become a perfect target for the wild animals to prey on. It is common to hear about leopards on the prowl in these villages in the night hours.

In December 2023, highly decomposed carcasses of two tigers had been found at a quarry near Kottalavadi. However, the reasons for their deaths, still remains a mystery.

Rs. 37 lakh 'fraud' in SHG loan: Complaint lodged at Yelwal Station

Mysuru, July 12 (BS)- A large scale irregularities to the tune of over Rs. 37 lakh in the loan recovered from women Self-Help Groups (SHG) has come to light and a complaint of embezzlement of funds has been lodged against Chief Ledger Writer at Yelwal Police Station in the district.

Taluk Planning Officer (TPO) has lodged a complaint, alleging embezzlement of over Rs. 37 lakh at Okkuta limits in Mysuru taluk's Gungralchatra and Anandur Gram Panchayats, between June 18, 2019 and Aug. 18, 2023.

As a Government initiative, Sanjeevini Gram Panchayat Level Federation (GPLF), popularly known as Okkuta, provides loan facilities to rural women. The GP level SHGs are identified and the needy women members will be given loan and recovered through instalments, with the said responsibilities entrusted to the Chief Ledger Writer. Though the loan amount has been recovered during the said period from June 18, 2019 to Aug. 18, 2023, those who performed the task of Chief Ledger Writer has issued the receipt towards the amount. However, part of the amount has been neither deposited in the bank nor recorded in cash registry.

The suspected irregularities came to light during the audit review, which includes a whopping Rs. 22,29,112 in Gungralchatra GP Okkuta and Rs. 15,05,896 in Anandur GP Okkuta.

The complaint states that, apart from cheating the Government by misusing funds meant for public welfare, the records have been destroyed.

Man thwarts bid to sell stolen goats; suspect in Cops custody

Mysuru, July 12 (BS)- An alert person thwarted a bid to sell the stolen goats at Pandavapura Fair in Mandya. The suspected thief was later handed over to Kuvempunagar Police in Mysuru city.

Ravikumar, a resident of Ramakrishnanagar 'I' block in city has been eking out a living through cattle rearing and goat rearing, along with vending milk. He has about 22 cows and 10 goats. On Thursday morning about 5.30 am, Ravikumar loosened the goats in the shed towards the compound and went to the milk dairy.

Meanwhile, he received a call from his friend Madhu, who informed about his two goats up for sale at Pandavapura Fair. Ravikumar, who feigned ignorance over selling any of the livestock, rushed home to see four goats missing. He soon alerted Madhu, who in turn caught hold of the suspect selling goats.

Ravikumar, who went to Pandavapura Fair, brought the suspect to Mysuru and handed him over to Kuvempunagar Police. The Police are quizzing the suspect, it is said.

Obituary

S.P. Chandrakanth

Mysuru, July 12- City Industrialist S.P. Chandrakanth (87), a resident of Ramavilas Road, passed away here yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, three daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

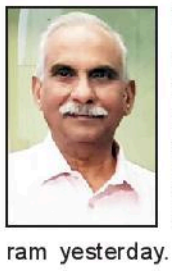
Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Manjunath

Manjunath (33), son of Chikkarasaiah and a resident of Metagalli here, passed away here yesterday.

A bachelor, Manjunath leaves behind his parents and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Metagalli Burial Grounds yesterday.

Prof. V. Kempaveeraiah



Prof. V. Kempaveeraiah (84), a retired Professor of Maharani's College for Women in city, passed away at his residence in Saraswathipuram yesterday. Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this afternoon.

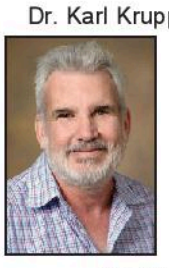
Yadhu M. Gowda

Yadhu M. Gowda (29), son of JD(S) leader Manchegowda and a resident of Hootagalli, passed away here yesterday.

He leaves behind his parents, an elder brother, a sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farmland near Hootagalli this afternoon.

Dr. Karl Krupp



Dr. Karl Krupp (70), Founding Member of Primary Health Research Institute of India (PHRII), Mysuru and a resident of Yadavagiri, passed away on July 10 at Arizona in USA.

Dr. Krupp was a mentor and guide to many. He began his career studying childhood asthma in the US and for the past 15 years, he worked in India on key public health issues affecting vulnerable communities including HIV, maternal health, cervical cancer, vaccine hesitancy, heart disease and aging.

He leaves behind his wife Dr. Poornima Madhivanan, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Arizona yesterday (July 11), according to sources.

Shivakumar refuses to take bait on leadership remarks

Says, 'We have a temple in Delhi,' hinting at high command's major role in decisions

Bengaluru, July 12 (KMS& BCT)- Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has refused to be drawn into a war of words over Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's recent statement about completing a full five-year term.

Speaking to reporters at Kempegowda International Airport on his return from Delhi last evening, Shivakumar firmly stated that there was no need for him to respond to every remark made by the Chief Minister.

"The Chief Minister has already answered your questions. Why should I? Why are you more anxious about me than I am?" he asked, taking a jibe at the media.

When asked about Siddaramaiah's earlier assertion of leading the Government through the 2028 polls, Shivakumar said, "He merely responded to the media's questions. He hasn't declared himself the next Chief Minister. I am the KPCC President, and I have my responsibilities."

Refusing to take a direct position, Shivakumar recalled his earlier comment from last year: "At that time, I said I had no choice.

D.K. Shivakumar

Even now, I'm in the same position." To another pointed question about his options, he retorted, "Why worry about our internal matters? We have a temple in Delhi," a cryptic reference to the Congress high command.

Organisational responsibility

Reiterating his role within the party, he said, "The party has given me organisational responsibility and the post of Deputy CM. I have to safeguard the party and the Government. You can twist the leadership question however you like, but I won't fall into your trap."

He confirmed that he had met only AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala in Delhi and brushed aside rumours of high-level discussions with other leaders. "Mallikarjun Kharge has guided us, and we've all accepted it happily," he said.

On internal appointments, Shivakumar said that final touches are being given to assigning roles to party workers. "We've taken inputs from MLAs, and now we'll collect opinions from ministers. Those who've worked for the party at the taluk and district levels must be accommodated. As KPCC President, I will propose the names and send them to Delhi."

When asked about leadership ambitions, he responded, "Many want to become CM — just like many of you have career aspirations. I will not comment on that. Siddaramaiah's statement is his personal opinion, and he is entitled to it."

On speculation about a change in KPCC leadership, Shivakumar dismissed it, saying "I don't know about any such move. Ask those who made the statement. I am the spokesperson of the party, not of individuals. If the party exists, I exist. If it doesn't, I don't."

Siddaramaiah dares Shivakumar to parade his supporting MLAs

Bengaluru, July 12 (KMS& BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has reportedly made it clear to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge that there is 'no question' of handing over power to Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

In a late-night meeting after being unable to secure an appointment with Rahul Gandhi, Siddaramaiah is said to have conveyed his firm stance and outlined reasons why Shivakumar should not be elevated to the Chief Minister's post.

"I am not clinging to power. I remain committed to the decision of the high command. If needed, let him parade the MLAs," Siddaramaiah is believed to have said, adding that if he were to step down, the leadership should go to someone from a Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe or backward community.

He further told Kharge, "Your service to the party is immeasurable. If you are to take charge as Chief Minister, I am ready to step down immediately. If vacating the AICC presidency is not an option, then you should lead the process and choose someone from a marginalised background."

Siddaramaiah

Taking a direct swipe at Shivakumar's standing within the party, Siddaramaiah is said to have remarked, "You already know everything about him. He lacks sufficient support from Ministers and MLAs. How can the Congress Legislature Party accept him as leader under such circumstances? Even ministers have told you this directly. I've said the same to the media."

He urged Kharge to consider the broader opinion within the party before making any decision. "This isn't just my view. Ministers and MLAs have conveyed their sentiments and asked me to bring them to your notice."

In response, Kharge reportedly said, "Whatever decision Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi make regarding Karnataka will be final, and both you and I must abide by it."

Sources indicate that due to the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections, the party is currently not inclined to make any major decisions on Karnataka. Rahul Gandhi's unavailability for a meeting with Siddaramaiah was attributed to this focus, with the leadership expected to revisit the issue post Bihar elections.

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All my roles are me: Ila Arun

A conversation with celebrated singer and actor Ila Arun, known for her '90s superhit song *Choli Ke Peeche Kya Hai...*

Renowned for her unmistakable voice and unapologetic style, Ila Arun rose to national fame with the iconic song *'Choli Ke Peeche Kya Hai'* from the Hindi film *'Khal Nayak'*, sung alongside Alka Yagnik.

A celebrated folk singer, actor, theatre artiste and playback singer, Ila Arun was in Mysuru for the release of her autobiography *'Parde Ke Peeche'* at the Mysuru Literature Festival. On behalf of *Star of Mysore*, Sujata Rajpal caught up with Ila for a conversation where she opens up about her journey through film and folk, her deep-rooted middle-class identity and unwavering love for folk music.

By Sujata Rajpal

Star of Mysore (SOM): Tell us about the beginning, how did this journey start?

Ila Arun: It's been a long journey; it took me two years just to write about it, so summing it up in a few minutes isn't easy. I was 15 when I had my first brush with the theatre, playing a 60-year-old woman.

They even blackened two of my front teeth to make me look old. I was never conscious of the roles I played, whether I was 16 or 85 years old. I just performed and enjoyed every bit of it. Back then, no one asked us what we wanted to become; career choices weren't a thing, especially for girls. It all just happened organically.

SOM: You've worn many hats — folk singer, dancer, actor, theatre artiste, playback singer. Which role is your favourite?

Ila Arun: I've been involved in theatre for nearly 45 years now and run my own group, called 'Surnai.' I write songs, act, sing and do theatre, and I love every role equally. They're all part of me. All roles are my favourite. I act while singing, and I sing while acting.

These aren't just roles, they're forms of expression through which I connect to my roots, celebrate womanhood, and relate to common people. I'm a middle-class person and folk helps me stay grounded. In theatre, I've played everything — strong woman, suppressed woman, old and young. I've sung bhajans, performed music from across the States. Now, I'm even exploring fusion music with my son-in-law. I never think about age. I want to be known as 'Ageless Ila.'

SOM: Did your family support your artistic journey?

Ila Arun: Support looked different back then. My parents may not have clapped after every performance, but they never stopped me either. That in itself was encouragement. They never said no to me singing qawwalis, classical singing, Punjabi, even South Indian music or dancing. My career was not planned. Neither they nor I thought that one day I would become Ila Arun. I continued performing and it just happened.

SOM: Do you have a role model?

Ila Arun: Anyone who sings beautifully is my role model — Lata ji, Asha ji, Alka Yagnik, Shreya Ghoshal, Kavitha Krishnamurthy. But Reshma ji from Rajasthan holds a special place in my heart. Her voice was raw and rustic, and we shared the same dialect. More than celebrities, it's the rural women who inspire me — their strength, their voices, they are my true role models.

SOM: Did you object to the lyrics of 'Choli Ke Peeche'?

Ila Arun: In the past 35 years since the release of the movie *Khal Nayak*, I've been asked this question so many times that I am tired of explaining. *'Choli Ke Peeche'* became iconic because it was bold, unapologetic and rooted in folk. I still stand by it. The problem wasn't the song; it was how people chose to hear it.

In Rajasthani and Punjabi weddings, people sing far bolder songs for fun. What's behind the choli? It's her heart, which the woman offers only to her lover. There is no vulgarity in that song. The song was composed by Laxmikant-Pyarelal, written by Anand Bakshi, and directed by Subhash Ghai.

For a professional artiste, everything is art, and there is no vulgarity in anything. And frankly, it's one of my most loved performances. Every event I attend, people ask for it. If I don't sing this song, they request it. In my book, a full chapter has been devoted to this song.

SOM: What's the future of folk music in India?

Ila Arun: Folk music's future is bright, but we need to nurture it more seriously. The West is increasingly interested in our stories and our authenticity. The Government is doing its bit — especially in Rajasthan, where culture is tourism. Artistes are getting opportunities abroad, which is great, but there's still a gap. Folk doesn't get the marketing budgets or Spotify banners like pop or Bollywood.

But young artistes are reviving it in new ways — fusing it with electronic music, collaborating across genres, taking it to YouTube, Instagram, even global stages. What we need is more platforms and respect.

Folk singers must be paid on par with other musicians. If they're given peanuts while rock stars mint money, they'll be tempted to move away from their roots. Parents will spend thousands on *'Coldplay'* tickets for their children, but hesitate to pay Rs. 200 for a folk concert. Charity begins at home. If you love folk, show up for it.

SOM: Was it difficult for a folk artiste to break into mainstream Bollywood?

Ila Arun: I wasn't conventionally glamorous, nor did I have formal training in playback singing. But my voice had something different — it was earthy, full of raw emotion, rooted in our folk traditions. That's what eventually set me apart.

Visionaries like Shekhar Kapur and A.R. Rahman took a chance on me, and thankfully, the audience embraced it. I never tried to hide my identity or blend in. In fact, I believe it was my difference that became my strength.

SOM: What are your impressions of Mysuru?

Ila Arun: I love the South Indian culture. The people are simple and have a beautiful culture. Since I arrived in Mysuru, I have worn a *gajra* of jasmine flowers in my hair inspired by the timeless beauty of South Indian women.

I went to the church because my hairdresser is Christian. I wanted to visit Chamundi Hill, the abode of Goddess Chamundeshwari, but due to *Ashada*, I was discouraged because it would be very crowded. I hope to visit the Chamundi Temple in my next visit.

Mysuru Author Sujata Rajpal with Ila Arun during the interview.

Zaveri Bros Diamonds and Gold hosts Grand Bridal Jewellery Expo in city

Mysuru, July 12- Zaveri Bros Diamonds and Gold, a trusted name in fine jewellery with a legacy spanning over 35 years, is bringing its timeless elegance to Mysuru for the very first time.

Renowned for their exquisite craftsmanship and unmatched quality, Zaveri Bros is hosting an exclusive bridal jewellery exhibition at Southern Star Hotel today and tomorrow (Saturday and Sunday) from 10 am to 8 pm.

The exhibition showcases a breathtaking collection of hand-crafted bridal jewellery — from intricately designed gold sets to dazzling diamond masterpieces.

This special event is a prelude to the upcoming launch of their new store in Bengaluru.

Seen during the inauguration are (from left) chief guests Anagha Bhambore, Sunita Ravi, Krupa Sumanth of Impressionz, Dr. Hemamalini Lakshman, Munnu Jackson, Junoo Ahluwalia, Social Entrepreneur, Roshini and Anchal, both Jewellery Designers.

"We are thrilled to bring our exclusive bridal collection to Mysuru and share our craftsmanship with a new audience," said a Spokesperson for Zaveri Bros., who added, "This exhibition is more than just a showcase — it's a celebration of elegance, tradition and the beginning of beautiful stories."

Jewellery lovers, brides-to-be, and connoisseurs may visit the exhibition and experience the legacy of Zaveri Bros up close.

Hindustani vocal concert at Ganabharathi tomorrow

Mysuru, July 12- Swarasankula Sangeeta Sabha has organised a Hindustani classical music vocal recital by Anirudh Aithal at Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar at 6 pm tomorrow (July 13).

He will be accompanied by Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Bhimashankar Bidanur on tabla.

Aniruddh Aithal is a 26-year-old Hindustani classical musician, vocal music being his area of expertise. Born on Aug. 29, 1998, Aniruddh started learning Hindustani Classical Music from the tender age of 10. He formally started learning from Geetha Garud Prithviraj, daughter and disciple of the legendary tabla maestro Pt. D.S. Garud.

Anirudh Aithal Veerabhadraiah Hiremath Bhimashankar Bidanur

After 8 years of rigorous training, Aniruddh is now receiving training from Dr. Ashok Huggannavar, a disciple of the legendary maestros Pt. Lingaraj Buwa Yaraguppi, Pt. Sangameshwar Gurav and Pt. Basavaraj Rajguru.

He has bagged many prizes at both State and National-level incluing All India Radio National-level Competition in 2017.

Award ceremony, staging of play

Mysuru, July 12- Inner Wheel Club of Mysuru Gold, Mysuru, has organised a programme at Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, tomorrow (July 13) at 4.30 pm to confer 'Mysore Ratna' Award and for the staging of play 'Leakout' by Akshatha Pandavapura.

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar will be the chief guest. University of Mysore Syndicate Member Dr. T.R. Chandrashekar, Inner Wheel Club of Mysuru Gold President Dr. Prema Ravi, Jeevadhara Blood Bank Managing Director S.E. Girish, National Merit Award Winner in Mysore Traditional Painting Dr. J. Dundaraja from Bengaluru and Kalaprapancha & Vidyaleela Foundation Founder H. Leelavathi will be the guests of honour.

'Mysore Ratna' Awardees are H. Leelavathi, Dr. Prema Ravi, S.E. Girish, Dr. J. Dundaraja, J.S. Sridhar Rao, Preethi Shenoy, Akshatha Pandavapura, Babitha Basavaraj, Shashank Bharadwaj and S. Theertha Kumari.

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Panic Attack about Heart Attack

Over the past few weeks, hospitals have seen a strange epidemic — not of heart attacks, but of panic attacks about heart attacks.

I should know. I was one of them. With a family history of heart disease, my anxiety wasn't entirely irrational.

It all started in 2021 with the shocking death of actor Puneeth Rajkumar. Fit, young and seemingly invincible.

Then came the passing of Yoga Guru Sharath Jois in 2024, the embodiment of flexibility and clean living.

That's when it hit me: No one is safe. Be it women, young men, fit men, vegetarians, non-vegetarians, teetotallers, not even the people who can twist themselves into a human pretzel, everyone has a reason to worry about their heart health today.

Now, the recent spate of heart attacks and massive reportage has once again reminded people of the dangers of heart disease. So, like many others, I rushed to get tested.

I've always considered myself fairly healthy. My personal health metric? If I can climb Chamundi Hill three times a week without wheezing like a steam engine, I must be doing fine.

I even devised my own 'in-house heart test' based on Harvard Medical Journal's fitness indicators: Climb four flights of stairs in under a minute and bang out 40 push-ups without collapsing, and my heart's good!

But recent events convinced me that it was time to replace amateur diagnostics with a proper medical opinion. So off I went to Kannan Diagnostic Centre and then Shanthaveri Gopalagowda Hospital for a cardiac evaluation. After my treadmill test, I nervously asked the doctor, *"So… all good?"*

He smiled and said, *"Yes, all's well. But one never knows."* I almost had a heart attack. Seeing the panic on my face, he added kindly, *"Just remember to live a balanced life — food, work, stress, emotions… moderation is key."*

He echoed what many doctors are now repeating like a mantra: Heart disease is, in most cases today, a lifestyle disease. And they're right.

While genetics might load the gun, lifestyle pulls the trigger. We're a generation of overfed, under-rested and overly disconnected beings.

As our wallets have gotten thicker, so have our arteries. We no longer delay gratification, we Swiggy our cravings straight to the doorstep. Greasy food, stress, alcohol, smoking and sedentary lifestyle have all turned heart disease into a lifestyle disease in India.

The impact of this indulgence is clearest among middle-aged Indians.

A decade ago, heart surgeries were rare, whispered about with concern and sympathy. Today, phrases like 'angiogram,' 'stent,' 'statins,' and 'blood thinners' are standard topics of conversation in urban drawing rooms.

There are passionate discussions about brands of heart and cholesterol medications and their efficacy among people in their 30s!

Even more worrying is our reaction to deaths due to heart attacks.

Instead of being sobering, they're fuelling cynicism. *"If a fit guy like Puneeth or a Yoga Guru like Sharath can go, what's the point of exercise?"* they say.

But it is dangerous to surrender to fate. I have now surrendered myself to reducing my cholesterol and carrying 'Sorbitrate' tablet in my wallet, while hoping fate is kind to me.

Now, whenever the issue of heart disease is discussed, it is usually with the assumption that it is a 'male' problem. But that is not true. Actor Sridevi's death has drawn attention to heart disease among women.

Women too, like men, should get a regular heart check-up, because their heart attacks do not manifest like a man's, they are just milder.

To step aside from this bleak subject, here's a light-hearted story that might make your heart skip a beat, hopefully for all the right reasons:

A woman finds a magic lamp. She rubs it, and out pops a genie. Unfortunately, he's a sexist genie.

"You have three wishes," he says, *"but whatever you get, your husband will get ten times more."*

The woman shrugs, *"That's fine."*

"For your first wish?" he asks.

"I want to be the most beautiful woman in the world," she says.

Poof! She's stunning.

"Now your husband is ten times more handsome," the genie says smugly.

"That's fine," she says. *"He'll still look only at me. After all, I'm the most beautiful woman now, no?"*

"Second wish?" says the stumped Genie.

"I want to be the richest woman in the world."

Poof! Done.

"Your husband is ten times richer," the genie reminds her.

She nods, *"Perfect. What's mine is his, and what's his is mine."*

The genie, now frustrated, asks, *"Your final wish?"*

She smiles sweetly and says, *"I'd like a very mild heart attack."*

So, whether it's through a joke or a jolt, take this message to heart, don't wait for fear to drive you to the doctor. Yes, what has to happen will, indeed, one cannot cheat fate, but why test it?

PS: Blaming vaccines, stress or sleep deprivation may offer temporary scapegoats, but the deeper solution may lie in *Madhyamā-pratipadā* — the Buddhist principle of moderation. Strive for equilibrium, neither indulgence nor deprivation, in all aspects of life.

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PRASHAD works atop Ch.Hill

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Final formalities, including security deposits and documentation, are currently underway and are expected to be completed shortly.

Environmental concerns

The project was approved after the State Tourism Department submitted a revised Detailed Project Report (DPR) in line with the objectives of the PRASHAD scheme. Following a review, the Central Government suggested modifications, which were incorporated into the final DPR that has now received approval, paving the way for on-ground execution.

However, the project comes with challenges. Chamundi Hill, revered for its spiritual, historical and ecological significance, has been a focal point of environmental concerns. In the past, several development proposals faced stiff resistance from devotees and activists. Recognising this, both Central and State authorities are moving forward with caution. The entire plan has been designed using advanced 3D imaging technology to minimise ecological disruption and preserve the sacred atmosphere of the region.

11 months for completion

The project is expected to be completed within 11 months. The contractor has been bound by strict conditions to meet the deadline. A dedicated monitoring team has been put in place to ensure adherence to quality and timelines, said Mothilal, Deputy Director, Department of Tourism, Mysuru.

Tourism Department officials have assured that development works will be monitored closely on-site to ensure smooth and sensitive execution.

"Since the project is being implemented by our department, we, the locally posted officials, are directly involved in its supervision," said Mothilal. "We are committed to preserving the traditional beauty of Chamundi Hill while improving facilities for pilgrims," he added.

Tourism Department Assistant Executive Engineer Purushottam said, "Once the project begins, we will ensure that Chamundi Hill's heritage remains unharmed throughout the development process. All efforts will be made to balance progress with preservation."

Infrastructure and aesthetic enhancements

The PRASHAD scheme includes comprehensive infrastructure and aesthetic enhancements across six key locations surrounding the Chamundi Hill Temple, including the Mahishasura statue plaza. Among the key features planned are:

- A water fountain and vibrant decorative lighting around the Mahishasura statue to enhance its visual appeal.
- A Police booth to ensure safety and security of tourists.
- A tourist information centre offering guidance on Mysuru's attractions.
- A grand stone arch at the Temple entrance.
- Construction of a series of traditional mantapas and stone seating around the premises.
- An additional ticket counter, along with drinking water facilities and modern restrooms.
- Renovation of historic 1,000 steps leading up to Temple.
- A new stone gateway at the entrance to Devikere.
- Landscaped gardens at various points on the Hill.
- Dedicated areas for footwear storage and a cloakroom for devotees

These developments aim to provide a culturally respectful yet modern experience for pilgrims and tourists alike.

Maharaja Trophy fans not allowed into Stadium

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, **Cycle Pure Agarbathi Managing Director and Mysore Warriors team owner Arjun Ranga** said, "Conducting the tournament is most important. Spectators are good but most important is the fact that with such tournaments being organised the players get to perform and showcase their skills and make their way through the State and National team. It is because of such tournaments players like Manvanth Kumar and Manoj Bhandage have been able to get noticed by Indian Premier League (IPL) franchises."

Arjun Ranga

The tournament will feature six teams — defending champions Mysore Warriors, runners-up Bengaluru Blasters, Hubli Tigers, Gulbarga Mystics, Shivamogga Lions and Mangaluru Dragons.

Meanwhile, the franchises also announced their retentions for Maharaja Trophy-2025. Mysore Warriors will once again count on their captain, Karun Nair, last season's top-scorer with 560 runs to lead the charge. Young batting sensation S.U. Karthik, who stood out last season with 372 runs in 12 innings, will join him in the top-order. Indian pace ace Prasidh Krishna along with seasoned all-rounder C.A. Karthik round off a strong core.

Bengaluru Blasters continue to bank on the experience of opener Mayank Agarawal, wicket-keeper Suraj Ahuja and all-rounder Shubhang Hegde and M.G. Naveen.

Hubli Tigers will look to wicket-keeper K.L. Shrijith to provide fire-power at the top after his impressive 349-run campaign last year. They have also retained all-rounders including India U-19 player K.P. Karthikeya, Manvanth Kumar and K.C. Cariappa.

For Gulbarga Mystics, Captain Vyshak Vijaykumar returns to the fray while the top order will feature R. Smaran and wicket-keeper-batter Luvnith Sisodia. The industrious Praveen Dubey adds further experience and balance to the side.

Shivamogga Lions have retained right-arm pacer Vasuki Koushik, wicket-keeper Nihal Ullal, left-arm spinner Hardik Raj and all-rounder D. Avinash.

Mangaluru Dragons, meanwhile, have kept faith in left-arm pacer Abhilash Shetty, all-rounders Macneil Noronha and Paras Gurbax Arya alongside right-handed batter Lochan Gowda.

Appointed as scientist at Central Silk Board

Madikeri, July 12- Kuppachira B. Bharath from Maggula village near Virajpet has been appointed as a scientist at the Central Silk Board.

K.B. Bharath

Bharath, son of the late Kuppachira Bheemaiah and Kavitha (Tamane Tirutera), completed his postgraduate degree in sericulture from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, earning a gold medal for academic excellence. He is currently serving in Agri-Business Division of ITC Limited in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh. His recent appointment as a scientist at the Central Silk Board marks a significant milestone in his professional journey.

Online job con: Youth loses Rs. 6.7 lakh

Mysuru, July 12 (BS)- A youth has lost Rs. 6.7 lakh to the lure of reaping huge returns, in a suspected online fraud. A complaint in this regard has been lodged at Cyber, Economics and Narcotics (CEN) crime Police station in the city.

The victim, aged about 27 years from Naganahalli village in Metagalli Police Station limits responded to a link related to a part-time job offer on Instagram, only to fall into the trap of racketeers.

He messaged to the number of a stranger, who subsequently responded saying that the job is about 'Google Review'. He shared another link, with a rider to message through telegram app. Heeding his words, the youth established contact through telegram app and invested the amount and performed the review task. Initially, he earned returns on investments of Rs. 700, Rs. 2,000 and Rs. 4,000. As his faith in them, who later turned out to be fraudsters, became strong, he gradually invested up to Rs. 6,69,675, to end up with no returns.

The youth tried to recover the investment, but in vain. He later realised to have been cheated.

CCTV surveillance, concrete roads and viewpoints to boost safety

Mysuru, July 12- As part of the comprehensive development plan under the PRASHAD scheme, new safety and infrastructure measures are set to be implemented at Chamundi Hill to accommodate the growing influx of pilgrims and tourists.

With thousands visiting daily — and lakhs during festivals and special occasions — the Tourism Department has planned the installation of high-definition CCTV cameras across key locations to enhance surveillance and ensure public safety.

In addition, railings will be installed along the stairway route used by pilgrims trekking up the hill. A concrete road will be constructed from the Mahishasura statue plaza to the Chamundeshwari Temple Gopura, improving access and traffic flow.

Viewpoints will also be developed along main road and near the iconic Nandi statue, offering scenic rest stops for devotees. A public address system will be set up between the Mahishasura Plaza and the Temple to disseminate essential announcements and information to visitors.

Revving up a career...

Tasmai Cariappa shifts gears in racing circuit

Kodagu, often hailed as the 'Land of Spices' and the 'Scotland of India', is not only known for its lush coffee estates and spice plantations but also for producing some of the country's finest athletes and brave soldiers. Adding to this legacy is 22-year-old Monnanda Tasmai Cariappa, an emerging talent in the world of motorcycle racing.

Tasmai recently made a stunning international debut by clinching second place in the SP400 (400cc) category at the BRIC Superbike Championship-2025 held in Thailand, a performance that has turned heads in the racing circuit.

Now, with his eyes set firmly on representing India at the highest level of motorsport, Tasmai is revving up for Indian Superbikes League (ISBL) selections scheduled to take place in Bengaluru next week. His passion runs so deep that he made the bold decision to put academics on hold — despite excelling in his II PUC — to pursue a professional career in motorsport.

A resident of Kuvempunagar in Mysuru, Tasmai is the son of Dr. Monnanda Nalini Somaiah, Professor, Department of Studies in Botany, Manasagangothri, University of Mysore.

Star of Mysore **caught up with the promising racer as he gears up for the ISBL trials.** Excerpts...

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Star of Mysore (SOM): Being such a high-risk sport, how did you get into motorcycle racing?

Tasmai Cariappa: I've been passionate about racing from a young age. I grew up watching MotoGP and other races on television, which sparked my interest. After I turned 18, I got my first bike — a KTM Duke 390 — and started riding on the curvy roads of Chamundi Hill, which I loved.

During those rides, I met a few fellow enthusiasts who were already participating in races organised by KTM. That motivated me to take things more seriously. I enrolled in track training academies in 2019 and again in 2022, held in Coimbatore and Chennai. After completing the training, I began competing in Indian National Racing events in the 165cc category.

SOM: Who has been your biggest inspiration among professional racers?

Tasmai Cariappa: Spanish racer Marc Márquez has been a huge inspiration for me. It's not just his aggressive racing style, but also his mental strength and unshakeable determination that I admire. Despite suffering multiple injuries, he's always managed to make a strong comeback and dominate on the track.

SOM: How did your family react when you told them you wanted to pursue racing?

Tasmai Cariappa: In the beginning, I didn't inform my parents. I first shared my interest with my grandmother, Monnanda Jooby Somaiah, who supported me financially so I could join a racing academy. Only after completing my training did I inform my mother and my aunt, Rajini Somaiah, who works as a scientist in St. Louis, USA. Since then, they've all been very supportive of my racing journey.

SOM: Mysuru doesn't have dedicated racing tracks. Where do you usually practice?

Tasmai Cariappa: I regularly train in Bengaluru, Coimbatore and Chennai. Bengaluru is my primary practice location because it has three Go-Kart tracks. I frequently ride at the Velocity International Circuit in Kolathur and the Aruani Grid in Dommasandra. Additionally, I visit the Madras International Circuit in Chennai and the Kari Motor Speedway in Coimbatore every month for advanced training.

SOM: Motorcycle racing involves a high risk of accidents. How do you manage that risk?

Tasmai Cariappa: Yes, the risks are there. But as you gain experience and improve your riding skills, the risk starts to reduce. A major part of staying safe also depends on the quality of your racing gear — your race suit, helmet, gloves and boots.

High-quality gear plays a crucial role in protecting you during crashes. Apart from that, maintaining physical fitness is essential — it strengthens your body and helps you recover quickly in case of a fall.

SOM: Injuries take time to heal and can be expensive to treat. Since motorsport doesn't get much support in India, how do you manage your finances?

Tasmai Cariappa: In professional racing, we have what's called Circuit Insurance, which covers medical expenses during events. However, beyond that, it's essential to consult reputable doctors and physiotherapists. They help design recovery plans, recommend the right nutrition, and guide you to bounce back faster and stronger.

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FROM THE ALBUM: ***Tasmai Cariappa with his racing icon Marc Marquez of Spain.***

'My dream is to represent India on global stage'

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SOM: Is the fitness routine for motorsport different from other sports?

Tasmai Cariappa: Absolutely. Racing demands both physical and mental strength. It's not just about building muscle or endurance — it's about total body fitness. My routine includes CrossFit, Yoga, mobility drills, reflex training for quicker reactions, and stamina-building exercises. Mental sharpness is just as important as physical readiness when you're on the track.

SOM: What kind of diet do you follow?

Tasmai Cariappa: Diet varies from person to person based on their age, weight, and the bike category — whether it's 400cc, 600cc or 1000cc. As the G-force increases with higher-capacity bikes, your body needs to be strong enough to handle it. So, nutrition plays a critical role. Most of us follow a high-protein, low-carb, and fibre-rich diet. You can't just eat anything — every element in the diet must be planned to support your performance.

SOM: You've chosen the Kawasaki Ninja 400 as your race bike. Why that model?

Tasmai Cariappa: In my category, riders can opt for the Yamaha R3 or KTM RC 390 as well. But I've chosen the Kawasaki Ninja 400 because it performs better at the top end and has a more reliable engine.

It also has a slight edge in displacement — about 50cc more than the Yamaha R3 and KTM RC 390, which makes a difference in race conditions. For long runs of 8-10 laps, engine reliability becomes crucial, and the Ninja 400 holds up very well.

PROUD MOMENT: ***Tasmai with his mother Dr. Nalini Somaiah.***

SOM: Do you see yourself racing in higher categories in the future?

Tasmai Cariappa: Yes. I want to race in higher categories — especially in the 1000cc segment. But I believe in taking it step by step. It's a physically demanding sport, and it's important to gradually build your knowledge of the bike and your own skill level before moving up. My dream is to represent India on the global stage at world championship-level events.

SOM: What are your thoughts on the newly launched Indian Superbike League (ISBL)?

Tasmai Cariappa: Indian motorsport is growing and the ISBL is a fantastic opportunity for aspiring racers. It's especially valuable for those who are passionate about racing but don't own a superbike. Ducati stepping in to provide the bike and gear for selected riders is a big move for the sport in India. The selection process will be tough, but getting through it would be a game-changing opportunity for any racer.

SOM: Thank you, and all the best!

Tasmai Cariappa: Thank you!

Chinnaswamy Stadium Stampede case

Justice Michael D'Cunha submits probe report to State Govt.

Bengaluru, July 12 (VNS) - Former High Court Justice John Michael D'Cunha, who headed One-Man Judicial Commission to investigate into the stampede incident that took 11 lives and left about 60 people injured during the stampede that occurred at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on June 4 during the RCB victory celebrations, submitted two volumes of probe report in a sealed envelope to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah here yesterday.

Former High Court Justice John Michael D'Cunha submitting the probe report to CM Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru yesterday.

Later, speaking to mediapersons, CM Siddaramaiah said that the probe report submitted by Justice Michael D'Cunha would be placed before the Cabinet on July 17.

Justice D'Cunha handed over the report to Siddaramaiah in the presence of the Chief Minister's Legal Advisor and MLA A.S. Ponnanna, Karnataka Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh and other officials at the Vidhana Soudha.

Wadiyar Cup Badminton Tournament

Mysuru, July 12 (GA&VNS)- Bidiru Sports Association will be organising Wadiyar Cup Badminton Tournament tomorrow (July 13) at Friends Sports Zone Badminton Academy in K.C. Layout in city at 10 am, said Association Secretary Anil Kumar.

Speaking to media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, he said the tournament will be held in the doubles category.

Winners will be awarded a prize money of Rs. 1 lakh along with racquets and gift hampers.

The tournament will be inaugurated by Krishnaraja Constituency MLA T.S. Srivatsa.

Former Mayor Shivakumar, Industrialist Chethan Vishwanath and International Badminton Player Sunil Gladson will be the chief guests.

For more details on the event, contact Mob: 99023-63089.

PKD Sports Fest on July 20

Mysuru, July 12- Prajwal Karate Dojo (PKD), in association with I Can International School, is set to host the PKD Sports Festival-2025 on July 20 at the School premises in Jakkanakuppe, Mysuru.

The Fest is a Multi Sport Extravaganza with Open Football Championship, Open Deadlift Championship, U-18 Chess Tourney, Open Arm Wrestling, Fitness Challenge, Sports Quiz, Mass Karate Demo, Dance, Strongman and Calisthenics Performance.

Those interested in participating, volunteering or partnering, may contact Prajwal Shivarudrappa on Mob: 93439-05316, according to a press release.

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City Corporation strike enters fourth day

BJP leaders extend support, criticise Congress Ministers

Veteran BJP leader B.S. Yediyurappa receiving a memorandum from striking MCC employees in front of the MCC Main Office on Sayyaji Rao Road in city yesterday as Shivamogga MP B.Y. Raghavendra, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former Mayor Shivakumar and others look on.

Mysuru, July 12 (BLU,RK&DM)- With the indefinite strike by employees of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and nine other City Corporations across the State entering its fourth day yesterday, senior BJP leaders, including former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and Shivamogga MP B.Y. Raghavendra, visited the protest site in front of the MCC Main Office on Sayyaji Rao Road to express solidarity with the agitating staff.

Slamming the Congress-led State Government, Yediyurappa said, "While thousands of Corporation employees across Karnataka have been on an indefinite strike for four days, the Government continues to remain in deep slumber."

He criticised Ministers for making frequent visits to Mysuru for Ashada Friday rituals at Chamundi Hill while ignoring the plight of the striking employees.

"It is shameful that not a single Minister has bothered to meet the staff, who are seeking rightful benefits. The strike is inconveniencing the public, and the Government must act immediately," he added.

MP B.Y. Raghavendra said that the services rendered by Corporation employees, especially Pourakarmikas, are vital for maintaining urban hygiene and must be valued more than bureaucratic roles. He assured the striking staff that the BJP would take up the issue with the Government and exert pressure for immediate redressal.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, BJP City President L. Nagendra, District (Rural) President Kumbralli Subbanna, and party leader L.R. Mahadevaswamy were also present.

BJP MLA and former Urban Development Minister S. Suresh Kumar seen receiving a memorandum containing the charter of their demands from striking MCC employees in front of the MCC Main Office on Sayyaji Rao Road yesterday as MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former Mayor Shivakumar and others look on.

Former Minister voices support

Rajajinagar MLA and former Urban Development Minister S. Suresh Kumar also visited the MCC protest site in Mysuru on Friday to show support. Recalling his tenure from 2008 to 2013, he said he had brought reforms for City Corporation employees during the BJP's first term in power, excluding BBMP.

He assured that the BJP stands firmly behind the MCC workers and promised to take up their demands, especially parity in pay and benefits, with the concerned authorities. A memorandum listing the demands was submitted to him by the striking employees.

Minister to hold talks on July 15 in Bengaluru

Mysuru, July 12 (BLU,RK&DM)- Amid growing pressure and public inconvenience due to the strike, the Secretary of the Urban Development Department held talks with representatives of the striking employees in Bengaluru yesterday afternoon.

The demands were heard, and a follow-up meeting with the Urban Development Minister has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 15.

However, employees have vowed to continue their strike until a concrete decision is made. The strike has paralysed services in all 10 City Corporations, leaving citizens unable to pay taxes, clear bills or access other essential civic services.

The Statewide strike was called by the Karnataka Rajya Mahanagara Palike Noukarara Sanghagala Parishat, with workers from Mysuru, Bengaluru (excluding BBMP), Mangaluru, Tumakuru, Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi, Kalaburagi, Ballari, Vijayapura, Shivamogga and Davanagere participating since July 8.

Protesters argue that their demands, including the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission, have been long overdue.

Kerala man arrested for filming religious sites

Mysuru, July 12 (RK&BCT)- A man from Kerala was arrested in Mysuru last Sunday for allegedly recording videos of religious places and prominent landmarks without official permission, raising suspicion among law enforcement agencies. The incident occurred in the Narasimharaja (NR) Police limits.

The man, identified as P.K. Mohammad, was reportedly seen capturing videos near temples, churches, mosques and important public buildings in a suspicious manner.

NR Police, who were on patrol as part of heightened security measures during the final day of Muharram, noticed him filming near a prayer hall in NR Mohalla and detained him for questioning.

A security case was registered under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, which deals with preventive actions against individuals suspected of potentially unlawful activities.

Mohammad was produced before a Magistrate and remanded to Judicial Custody. He was released on bail two days later after he furnished a security bond.

During the interrogation, Mohammad reportedly told the Police that he was an avid photographer with a passion for capturing beautiful and significant locations. He denied any intent to send the footage to external parties or use it for malicious purposes.

NR Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar confirmed that a detailed check of Mohammad's camera and laptop revealed no incriminating or harmful content. However, his actions were considered suspicious since he was filming sensitive sites alone and without obtaining prior permission from authorities. "As a precautionary measure, a security case was filed. No evidence suggesting destructive intent was found," said Inspector Talawar.

While Mohammad has been released, the Police have cautioned the public and photographers to avoid filming around sensitive areas without proper authorisation.

14 unidentified bodies found in 4 months

Mysuru Railway Police seek help in tracing the kin of deceased persons

Mysuru, July 12 (RK&BS)- As many as 14 unidentified bodies including that of one woman, were found in a span of four months from March 10, 2025 in Mysuru Railway Police Station limits.

In a press release, Railway Police have stated that, on March 10, body of a 45-year-old person was found in stationary Basava Express train at Platform 4 in Mysuru Railway Station. On March 31, a 40-year-old person was found dead due to illness at the Railway Station. On Apr. 11, a 45-year-old was killed when he was run over by a train at Byadarahalli. A 55-year-old person was found dead, after being run over by a train near Akki Hebbal Railway Station on Apr. 26.

Likewise, on March 26, a 75-year-old man had suffered accidental injuries at K.R. Nagar Railway Station. He had been admitted for treatment at K.R. Hospital in the city, where he succumbed later. On Apr. 30, a 50-year-old person died after being mowed down by a train near Belagola. On May 2, a 35-year-old died in a similar fashion at Pandavapura Station.

A 65-year-old person who had collapsed at Platform 3 at Mysuru Railway Station on Apr. 26 died later at a hospital on May 3. Similarly, a 50-year-old person was found dead near Ashokapuram Rly. Station on May 12. A 45-year-old woman was run over by a train near Naganahalli on May 15.

On May 29, a 50-year-old person was found dead after being run over by a train near Kadakola Rly. Station. On June 4, a 60-year-old person died after coming under a train near Hosa Agrahara. A 45-year-old person fatally slipped from a train at Mandya Rly. Station. A 50-year-old person was found dead at Platform 1 of Kavalande Station. Relatives, if any, may call Mysuru Railway Police on Ph: 0821-2516579 or 94808-02122.

Free transport service for KPS students

Bengaluru, July 12 (KMS&VNS)- Students of Karnataka Public Schools (KPS), from LKG to II PUC, will be provided with free transport service in Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses, said Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar here yesterday.

In a tweet on 'X' platform, Shivakumar mentioned that the decision was taken to strengthen the Government school, increase the student attendance and quality.

Stating that the State Govt. had taken this decision to ensure students from economically weaker section get access to education and grow economically, he said it would also help in the empowerment of Government schools.

Shivakumar also mentioned, the State Government through 'Shakti' scheme had been providing free bus services to women which has been successful.

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 12)

- **Rotary Mysore Children's Library:** Quiz Matrix for teachers, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, **2 pm onwards.**
- **Kalagangothri Foundation:** Nrityaradhane programme by Inchara Mottana (daughter of Usha Ganapathy and Subramani Mottana), Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt inaugurates, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar chief guest, Pankaja Ramakrishnaiah of Sri Sarveshwara Nritya Kala Mandira presides, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Sharadamrutam Dhyana Seva Charitable Trust, H.D. Kote:** Free Mass Ashlesha Bali Puja, Jenugavi Avadhoota Sri Nanjundappa's Ashram, foot of Chamundi Hill, **4 pm.**
- **Books & Brews Library, Mysuru:** Bookworms Meet for book lovers, Books & Brews Library, Gokulam, **5.30 pm.** [Mob: 84335-53734]
- **Kalasuruchi and Kutuhali-Kannada:** Kathe Kelona Banni-888, Omkarapriya Bagepalli, Founder-President, Kannada Samskruti Seva Bharathi, Bhagyanagara, Chikkaballapur, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Science Sanje, B.V. Satyendra Rao, former Chief Scientist, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, delivers a talk on 'Rice,' Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Vocal concert by Vid. N.H. Srihari Bhat,

Vid. Srihari Bhat *Vidu. Jyothi* *Vid. Pavan* *Vid. Manjunath*

accompanied by Vid Dr. M.A. Jyothi on violin, Vid. Pavan Madhav Masoor on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust:** Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavata' by Vid. Ganesh Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]
- **Sri Prasanna Sai Mandira, Thyagaraja Road:** 87th Guru Purnima celebrations, Grand procession of Sai Baba, **10.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 13)

- **Sri Prasanna Sai Mandira, Thyagaraja Road:** 87th Guru Purnima celebrations, Kakada Aarti, **7.30 am;** Uyyalotsava, **7 pm;** Swaralaya Vadya Sangeetha by Vid. Ravikumar and troupe, Mysuru, **7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Sharadamrutam Dhyana Seva Charitable Trust, H.D. Kote:** Durga Deepa Namaskara, Kunkumarchane and Sahasra Durga Parayana, Jenugavi Avadhoota Sri Nanjundappa's Ashram, foot of Chamundi Hill, **8 am onwards.**
- **Savarkar Pratishtana Mysuru:** Workshop on public speaking by noted orator Chakravarty Sulibele, BSS Vidyodaya, Lakshmipuram, **8 am to 1.30 pm.** [Mob: 99162-21184 or 95914-11335]
- **Janaasha Group of Companies:** 5th Anniversary celebrations and Mega Development Convention, MD Girish Alur chief guest, Chairman Abhishek Pandey presides, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **10 am.**
- **Sougandhika Prakashana, Nanjangud:** Releasing of 'Sugandha Lahari Ghazals,' a collection of ghazals by Poet Dr. Sougandhika V. Jois, Kavigoshti (Poets Meet) and Award Presentation, Mysuru Sahitya Mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana President M.B. Santosh inaugurates the programme, writer & journalist Ganesh Prasad Pandelu presides, Dr. Mallinath S. Talwar releases the ghazals, conferring of 'Sahitya Sugandha' on M.B. Santosh, Dr. S. Puttappa Mudigonda, J. Prabha Shastri Joshyula, A. Hemaganga and N.R. Roopashri; Ideal Jawa Rotary auditorium, JLB Road, **10 am.**
- **Vedic Wellness University, Florida, USA:** Vibrance 2024-25 - An Art & Wellness Symposium, violin concert by Mysore Brothers (Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath) with Nanda Masti on mridanga, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, University of Mysore (UoM), **10 am to 3.30 pm.**
- **Anubhooti, Chaaru Samskrutika Pratishtana and Veeraloka Books:** Releasing of books 'Patrakarthana Payana' by Lakshmana Kodase, 'Supari Swamy Mattu Sakeena,' a collection of stories by Raagam, 'Bhaashe-Baduku,' a compilation of research articles edited by Dr. Santosh Hangal, 'Deva Sannidhi,' a spiritual travelogue by Girija Rykva, 'Ruchige Takkashtu..?' a collection of stories by Akshata Pandavapura and 'Yenaaguthe Guru?' a collection of scientific articles by R.B. Gurubasavaraj; Veerakaputra Srinivasa, Publisher, Veeraloka Books, will be present, Pratishtana premises, SBM and Other Bank Employees Layout, opposite University Layout, Ring Road, **10 am.**
- **The Mysuru District Bhavasara Kshatriya Graduates' Association and Sri Vittala Rukmini Charitable Trust:** 43rd Annual Felicitation Ceremony, Pratibha Puraskar and Students Scholarship Distribution, Karnataka High Court Judge Justice Hanchate Sanjeevkumar chief guest, felicitation to Neurosurgeon Dr. L.D. Satyanarayana of Narayana Health-Bengaluru and Hanagodu Government PU College Principal D.R. Rajesh Kumar; The Mysuru District Bhavasara Kshatriya Graduates' Association President P.A. Manjunath Pathange presides, The Mysuru District Bhavasara Kshatriya Graduates' Association Immediate Past President S. Shankar Rao Anchalkar special guest, Sri Vittala Rukmini Convention Hall, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Literary Association:** Reading of excerpts from the book 'Craft Your Wellness' by author Dr. Gauri Rokkam, a Holistic Nutritionist, Kalpa Kshetra, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **11 am.**
- **Smt. Mallika Malavalli Abhinandana Samiti, Malavalli, Mandya:** Felicitation to writer Mallika Malavalli and releasing of felicitation volume (book) 'Sadachara Sampanne,' Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, former MLC Marithibbegowda presides, Industrialist Manikchand Baldota from Bengaluru releases the book, writer Dr. Pradeep Kumar Hebri from Mandya speaks about the book, Mysuru ADC Dr. P. Shivaraju and writer Dr. S. Shivarajappa chief guests, journalist Dr. H.S. Muddegowda delivers keynote address, Mantra Maharshi auditorium, JSS Women's Hostel Complex, Saraswathipuram, **11 am.**
- **Sri Vasavi Arya Vysya Abhivrudhi Samiti, Mysuru:** 36th Galipata Habba - Santhosha Sanje (Kite Festival-Happy Evening), introduction of newly wedded, Sri Kanyakaparameshwari Puja, cultural programmes, B.V. Karanth Rangamantapa, Dasara Exhibition Grounds premises, **3 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Swaralaya Sangeetha Samsthe, Ramakrishnanagar and Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru:** 'Swaralaya Samskrutika Vaibhava-2025,' music teacher Vidu. H.V. Vasavamba inaugurates the programme, Vidu. Sukanya chief guest, singer K. Savitha and USA-based art patron Dr. Swarnambha Lokesh guests of honour, Swaralaya Founder-President Vidu. Suma Harinath presides, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4 pm.**
- **Inner Wheel Club of Mysuru Gold, Mysuru:** Conferring of 'Mysore Ratna' Award and staging of play 'Leakout' by Akshatha Pandavapura, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar chief guest, University of Mysore Syndicate Member Dr. T.R. Chandrashekar, Inner Wheel Club of Mysuru Gold President Dr. Prema Ravi, Jeevadhara Blood Bank Managing Director S.E. Girish, National Merit Award Winner in Mysore Traditional Painting Dr. J. Dundaraja from Bengaluru and Kalaprapancha & Vidyaleela Foundation Founder H. Leelavathi guests of honour; Awardees are H. Leelavathi, Dr. Prema Ravi, S.E. Girish, Dr. J. Dundaraja, J.S. Sridhar Rao, Preethi Shenoy, Akshatha Pandavapura, Babitha Basavaraj, Shashank Bharadwaj and S. Theertha Kumari, Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **4.30 pm.**
- **Swarasankula Sangeeta Sabha:** Hindustani classical vocal recital by Anirudh Aithal, accompanied by Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Bhimashankar Bidanur on tabla, Ganabharathi - Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust:** Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavata' by Vid. Ganesh Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** 'Greeshma Rangotsava-2025' in memory of late theatre person C.G. Krishnamurthy (CGK), staging of play 'Ahalya B.D' by Workshop In Mysuru For Theatre, written by Henrik Ibsen, translated by S. Surendranath, directed by Yatish N. Kollegal, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

WIMBLEDON FINALS

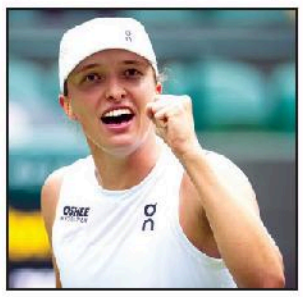
TODAY'S MATCHES (JULY 12)

MEN'S DOUBLES

Rinky Hijikata & David Pel
Vs 5 Julian Cash & Lloyd Glasspool — **5.30 pm**

WOMEN'S SINGLES

13 Amanda Anisimova **Vs** Iga Świątek — **8.30 pm**



TOMORROW'S MATCHES (JULY 13)

MEN'S SINGLES

1 Jannik Sinner **Vs** 2 Carlos Alcaraz — **TBD**

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

4 Jeļena Ostapenko & Hsieh Su-wei
Vs 8 Veronika Kudermetova & Elise Mertens — **TBD**

Catch live actions on STAR SPORTS and JIOHOTSTAR

Sinner stuns Djokovic, sets up final Vs Alcaraz

Jannik Sinner

Carlos Alcaraz

Mysuru, July 12- World No. 1 Jannik Sinner of Italy has reached a Wimbledon final for the first time, thrashing 7-time champion Novak Djokovic of Serbia in straight sets in the Men's Singles semi-final yesterday. Sinner broke Djokovic five times over the course of the match, winning 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

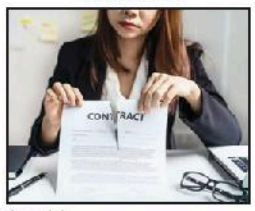
As a result, Sinner sets up a title clash against World No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz in the final tomorrow (July 13). As for 38-year-old Novak Djokovic, doubts continue over the Wimbledon future of the 24-time Grand Slam winner.

Earlier in the day, World No. 2 Alcaraz of Spain defeated fifth seed Taylor Fritz of US 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 and 7-3 in four sets to book his spot in the final.

Sem Verbeek and Katerina Siniakova kiss the Mixed Doubles Trophies after defeating Joe Salisbury and Luisa Stefani in the Wimbledon final in London on July 10. The Dutch-Czech pair held its nerve in a tight 7-6(3), 7-6(3) final victory against home favourite Joe Salisbury and Brazil's Luisa Stefani.

WORD OF THE DAY

Rescind



Pronunciation: rih-SIND (Verb)
Meaning: To rescind something, such as a law, contract, agreement, etc., is to end it officially. Rescind can also mean "to take back; to cancel."
Origin: Rescind and the lesser-known words exscind and prescind all come from the Latin verb scindere, which means "to split, cleave, separate." Rescind was adapted from its Latin predecessor rescindere in the 16th century, and prescind (from praescindere) and exscind (from exscindere) followed in the next century. Exscind means "to cut off" or "to excise," and prescind means "to withdraw one's attention," but of the three borrowings, only rescind established itself as a common English term. Today, rescind is most often heard in contexts having to do with the withdrawal of an offer, award, or privilege, or with invalidation of a law or policy.
Example: "A state environmental oversight board voted unanimously to rescind a controversial proposal that would have permitted California municipal landfills to accept contaminated soil that is currently required to be dumped at sites specifically designated and approved for hazardous waste." —Tony Briscoe, The Los Angeles Times, 16 May 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Conjubilant

Shouting together with joy.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Chow Down

Meaning: When you use the term 'Chow Down' you mean to sit down to eat.
Origin: The origin of the expression 'Chow down' comes from the US military, with first usage occurring sometime around WWII. The earliest printed use comes from a December 1942 issue of The Hammond Times in a story about sailors' life on a submarine: "'Chow down, sir,' a Negro mess attendant in a white coat informed. Served on navy blue and white china we put away steak, potatoes, peas, and ice cream."
Example: "Dinner's ready; let's chow down!"

QUOTE BOX

You are remembered for the rules you break. **—Douglas MacArthur**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HOT

Answer: Red Hot.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Before
4 Post Office Department, in short
7 Sit for an artist
11 Lubricate
12 Employ or avail of
13 Taverns
14 Particular
17 Pulled tight
18 Choosing before others
20 Bollywood's ___ Ludhianwi
22 Chain of rocks
23 Playback singer Arun
24 Piano piece
27 Washed out in water
31 Stays or postponements
33 Video game pioneer
34 Very small
35 It is not right to be abandoned!
37 In the ___ of : in the middle of or in the company of?
39 Synthetic
42 Needle case
43 Immenseness or vastness
46 ___ down the drain : absolutely wasted?
47 "Bad Behaviour" star Stephen
48 Before marriage
49 Hebrew measure
50 Erie mule of song
51 Petrol in the U.S.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

D	I	S			D	A	D		A	S	O	
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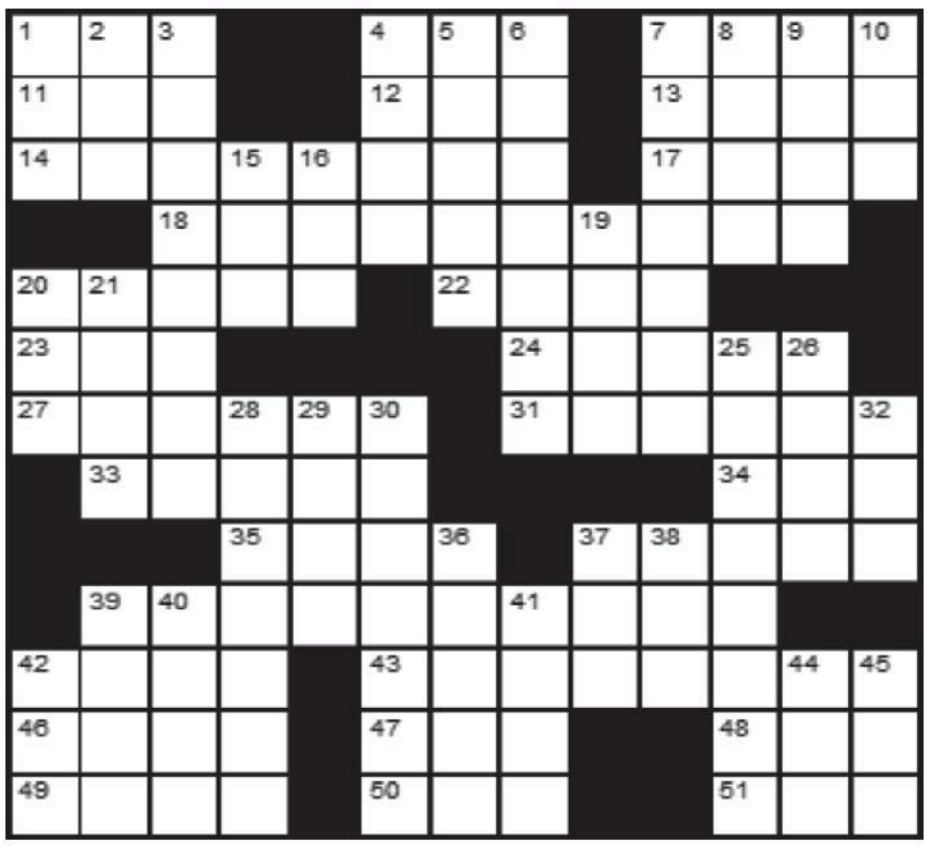
DOWN

1 Greek goddess of dawn
2 Rest in peace, in short?
3 Tusked animal
4 Kind of pastry
5 Willow twig
6 Proclaimed
7 Pathetic
8 ___ ___ even keel : cruising serenely? (2,2)
9 Cosy
10 Superlative suffix
15 Chronic renal insufficiency, acronym
16 Suffix with "cash" or "sold"
19 Anatomical network
20 Title of a knight
21 Among other things, inter ___
25 Being slow and wasting time
26 Organs of sight
28 More salinacious
29 Able was I, ___ ___ saw Elba? (3,1)
30 Doesn't agree with?
32 Clique or small group
36 Ringworm - "ate in" anagram?
37 Russian space station
38 ___ ___ The Walrus: The Beatles hit (1,2)
39 Tiny particle
40 Mystic symbol
41 Black fuel
42 Self-esteem
44 Afternoon refreshment
45 Progressive rock group



SUDOKU

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				5				
	2		1				6	
	8	1	4				3	
		4				6		
	3				2	5	1	
	4				1		5	
				3				
		8	6			3	9	

Answer to previous puzzle

4	7	5	1	8	9	2	6	3
8	6	9	4	3	2	5	7	1
2	3	1	5	6	7	9	4	8
6	9	8	3	1	4	7	5	2
3	4	7	9	2	5	1	8	6
5	1	2	6	7	8	4	3	9
1	8	4	2	5	3	6	9	7
7	5	6	8	9	1	3	2	4
9	2	3	7	4	6	8	1	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GPTH INL KYQT Y FYKP INL YVT JWSWAWETU. GPTH

INL UNH'K KYQT Y FYKP, INL YVT JLAKLVTU.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: He who has health has hope; and he who has hope has everything.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

Woodlands Theatre Ph: 2422871
Maadeva (K) - 4 Shows

Gayathri Theatre Ph: 2443568
1st Day 1st Show (K) - 4 Shows

Mahadeshwara Theatre Mob: 99008-20093
Mr. Airavata (K) - 4 Shows

Prabha Theatre Mob: 98454-14691
Vaamana (K) - 4 Shows

Sangam Theatre Ph: 2520494
Pendrive (K) - 4 Shows

Padma Theatre Ph: 2521923
Desingu Raja 2 (Ta) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre Ph: 2420885
Mr. Airavata (K) - 4 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre Ph: 2423554
Freedom (Ta) - 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre Mob: 98863-25207
Maalik (H) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Superman (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.30 am; (S-2) 7.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 7.15 pm; (S-2) 10.55 am
Maalik (H)	(S-1)	4.10 pm, 10 pm; (S-4) 10.20 am
1st Day 1st Show (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Oh Bhama Ayyo Rama (Te)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Freedom (Ta)	(S-3)	10.35 am
Doora Theera Yaana (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Metro In Dino (H)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
The 100 (Te)	(S-3)	10.30 pm
Desingu Raja 2 (Ta)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Aankhon Ki Gustaakhiyan (H)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	(S-4)	7.10 pm, 10.20 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Kuberaa (K)	:	1 pm
Superman (E-3D)	:	1 pm, 4.05 pm
		6.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	1.25 pm, 6.40 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	1.30 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.45 pm
Doora Theera Yaana (K)	:	4 pm
Jaava Coffee (K)	:	4 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Ph: 0821-230 0402

Superman (E-3D)	:	8.20 am, 11.10 am, 4.50 pm
		7.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Superman (H-3D)	:	1.25 pm
Maalik (H)	:	9.05 am, 1 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Aankhon Ki Gustaakhiyan (H)	:	10 am, 4.10 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	10.35 am, 2 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Metro In Dino (H)	:	12.15 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.35 pm
Seventeen World Tour (Korean)	:	1.10 pm
Soothravakyam (Ma)	:	3.10 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	3.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Doora Theera Yaana (K)	:	4.15 pm
Enhypen: World Tour (Korean)	:	5.45 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
BTS: Map of The Soul On:e (Korean)	:	7.45 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009

Superman (E-3D)	:	8.05 am, 10.55 am, 1.45 pm
		4.35 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.15 pm
Maalik (H)	:	9.45 am 4.10 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	10.25 am, 1.15 pm, 7.20 pm
Metro In Dino (H)	:	11.50 am, 6.05 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	12.55 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	3.15 pm
Oh Bhama Ayyo Rama (Te)	:	4.05 pm
Desingu Raja 2 (Ta)	:	9.30 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	10.10 pm

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 78299-99465

Superman (E-3D)	:	8 am, 10.45 am, 1.35 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Superman (E)	:	4 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	9.40 am, 6.50 pm
Maalik (H)	:	9.55 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.20 pm 10.30 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-2D)	:	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 10 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	4.25 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	12.50 pm
Kuberaa (K)	:	4.05 pm
1st Day 1st Show (K)	:	7.45 pm
Hh Bhama Ayyo Rama (Te)	:	10.20 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

Superman (E-3D)	:	10.05 am, 3.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Superman (E-2D)	:	1.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Superman (H)	:	4.30 pm
Maalik (H)	:	10.10 am, 1.20 pm, 7.20 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-2D)	:	10.20 am, 7.15 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	12.55 pm
F1: The Movie (E-2D)	:	4.05 pm, 10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Rotary Central team installed

Picture shows** (sitting from left) **Rtn. Jyothi Ashok, Hon. Secretary, Rotary Club of Mysore Central; Rtn. Antony Moses, President; Assistant Governor Rtn. Naveen Chandra; Past District Governor Rtn. H.R. Keshav; Immediate Past President Rtn. Subramanya Tantri and Secretary Rtn. Samarth Vaidya with** (standing) **all Directors of different avenues of the Club.

Mysuru, July 12- The new team of Rotary Club of Mysore Central for the year 2025-26 was installed at a ceremony on July 5 at Hotel Pai Vista in city.

The incoming President, Rtn. Antony Moses, will lead the Club's efforts to serve the community through various projects along with Rtn. Jyothi Ashok as Hon. Secretary and other key members of various Avenues.

Speaking on the occasion, Rtn. Antony Moses said "Rotary is a global network of volunteers working to make a positive impact in their communities. Our Club is committed to focus areas on education, healthcare, community development and introduce new programmes."

9 new Lions Clubs, 3 new Leo Clubs formed

Rajashekara

Mysuru, July 12 - Lions International District 317G, under the leadership of District Governor Ln. K.L. Rajashekara MJF, has announced the chartering of 9 new Lions Clubs and 3 new Leo Clubs

Ln. K.L. Rajashekara to take charge as District Governor at Orlando Convention on July 17

This grand milestone was celebrated at SAMBHRAMA held at Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre's MBCT auditorium in Vishweshwaranagar.

The new Clubs, spanning Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar, welcomed over 550 members.

As District Governor for 2025-26, Ln. Rajashekara will lead the District from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

He will officially take charge on July 17 at the Lions International Convention in Orlando, Florida, USA.

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